

NEWS OF VERMONT.

Events From All Parts of the State Condensed For Busy Readers

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McGaffey, of Burlington, yesterday celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

Walter W. Husband, clerk of the immigration commission of Washington, D. C., has joined his family for the summer.

Cornelius McGoff, of Trasburg, has a ginseng bed that will be ready for harvest this fall. It takes five years to grow the roots.

Washington, July 30.—An increase of pension has been allowed William A. Cooper, of West Berlin, Vt., at the rate of \$15 per month from July 15, 1909.

A Polander working in the yards of the Vermont Marble Company at Proctor, was struck by a flying chain which practically tore off his scalp. It is believed he will recover.

Ralph Newcity, a boy 17 years old who was employed in the F. W. Mould stone sheds, died at Morrisville Wednesday night from a shock induced by bathing in the Lamoille river while overheated.

Judge Wendell P. Stafford, formerly of Vermont, but now judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, is established with his family in a cottage at Lake Caspion for the summer.

Arrangements are being made for the dedication September 6 of the soldiers' monument at Milton which will contain the names of all the soldiers who enlisted from the town at the time of the Civil War.

While Richard Douglass was aiding in raising a safe so it could be placed in the office of G. L. Hunt in Island Pond Wednesday evening, July 28, the crib of ties supporting it gave way and the safe crushed him to death.

H. G. Thomas, state commissioner of fisheries and game, is issuing licenses to the town clerks for use during the open hunting season for game which opens September 1. The license for the town in Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex and Franklin counties have been mailed.

W. A. Dane, who has been employed by Senator W. P. Dillingham at Washington, D. C., has entered into a law partnership with F. C. Williams, of Newport. Mr. Dane has been obliged to sever his connection with Senator Dillingham on account of ill health.

Convention at Fair Haven.
The 16th annual convention of the Vermont branch of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons will be held at Fair Haven September 22 and 23. It will be preceded by a reception the evening of the 21st. The convention address will be given by Mrs. Mary Low Dickenson of Fair Haven.

The Brattleboro hotel project is assuming a form which promises success and some important developments are expected in the early future. Experienced hotel men are showing great interest in the plan, and it is believed that they will make a large investment—\$50,000 or more—which will be supplemented by a handsome subscription of local capital.

While John Waterman, of Royalton, was driving recently with his wife, two children, and two friends, the bits broke and the horse began to run. They were approaching a sharp curve in the road where Mr. Waterman realized there would be disaster. He climbed out of the carriage on to the horse's back and, grabbing the animal by the wind pipe, choked him until he stopped.

Masqueraded as a Woman.

In Essex county court Thursday the case of State vs. Barney Roby, a prosecution for disturbing the peace by dressing up in a woman's clothes and assaulting a woman, resulted in a verdict of guilty. A fine of \$50 and costs was imposed. Exceptions were taken by the respondent, execution stayed and cause passed to Supreme Court.

Saved Brother From Drowning.

Anna LaLiberte, aged 17 years, rescued her 10-year-old brother Henry from drowning while swimming in the Passumpsic river near St. Johnsbury July 28, by wading and catching the boy with a rake. When a neighbor saw the boy sink she called to his sister, who was the only person nearby, and Anna walked into the river until the water reached her waist before she could reach the struggling

child. The boy was resuscitated by two physicians and later brought to Brightlook hospital. It is believed he will recover.

A town meeting of the voters of New Haven has been warned for Friday, August 1, to see what action will be taken to settle the accounts of the late Alfred Roscoe. Reliable parties from New Haven state that the shortage will foot up nearer \$7,000 than \$4,000, and that all the facts in the case have not been made public. It is a serious state of affairs for the taxpayers of New Haven.

The team and 1,350 pounds of butter seized about ten days ago by D. W. Steele, of Highgate, deputy collector of customs, was sold at public auction in Highgate, to the following persons: One horse, to A. Banyea for \$57.50; one horse to Mark Hedding for \$21.50; one double wagon and harness to A. Banyea for \$28.50. The butter was sold to Mr. Carpenter for 25 3/4 cents a pound.

Farm Buildings Burned.

During the severe thunder storms Friday afternoon, lightning struck the barn on the Robert Richmond farm about two miles west of Windsor village and burned it together with the house and other buildings. Most of the furniture belonging to the tenant, M. C. Daniels, was saved. The loss on the building and contents was about \$2,500 with an insurance of \$1,900.

Frank Bingham, of Randolph, found a horse that he had turned out to pasture tied to a tree in an adjoining field with one foot tied so it could not move. In the animal's struggles the rope around its neck had worn the neck down to the bone and it had terribly bruised its head. It was necessary to kill the animal. The horse evidently was bound by a malicious person, but no arrests have been made.

William Magivney, who lives on a farm about three miles from Bethel, is one of the few men now living in Vermont who served in both the Mexican and Civil wars. Mr. Magivney was born December 18, 1826, in Chateaugay, N. Y., of Scot-Irish parentage. He served as artilleryman in the Mexican War and marched from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico. During the Civil War he was in the Eleventh Vermont infantry. Mr. Magivney has all his faculties and is in fairly good health.

At the annual meeting of the Lamoille County Medical association held at Morrisville, Wednesday, July 28, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. George L. Vates of Morrisville; vice-president, Dr. H. W. Barrows of Stowe; secretary and treasurer, Dr. W. M. Johnstone of Morrisville; censors, Dr. W. M. Johnstone, Dr. J. C. Morgan of Stowe and Dr. J. H. Newton of Cambridge; auditor, Dr. George L. Bates; delegate to State convention, Dr. A. J. Vallean of Morrisville.

FAIR HAVEN MAN KILLED.

Arthur Ward, 40 years old, a resident of Fair Haven, was run over and instantly killed by a car of the trolley line running between Castleton and Fair Haven Wednesday, July 29. It was noted earlier in the evening that Ward was in an intoxicated condition and it is probable that he lay unconscious on the track as the car approached. Color is given to the theory that the man was a suicide from the fact that he gave what money he had to a small boy a few hours before the accident.

The Estey Organ company of Brattleboro has just moved and which reflects great credit on the designer, Charles Henkel. The organ will be placed in a lodge room in California, and it is designed to match the furniture of the lodge room. The lodge members had their rooms fitted up entirely with furniture made from weather beaten fence rails, and the front of the organ was designed to be in harmony and was stained to match old rails. The organ front was hand carved throughout.

The hearing before the special commission appointed by the court on the question of Burlington's right to a public wharf at the foot of College street and the award of damages, which was to have been held today, has been postponed. On Saturday City Attorney M. S. Vilas received a letter from C. W. Witters, of St. Albans, attorney for the Central Vermont railway, saying that the condemnation proceedings by the city of Burlington for a public wharf was to be taken to the United States Supreme Court.

May Abolish South Vernon Station.

The public service commission has granted the petition of the Boston & Maine and Central Vermont railroads to discontinue the passenger station at South Vernon on condition that the above railroads construct a station at the town of Northfield, Mass., and open it to the general public. This petition was presented and granted on the ground that 80 per cent of the traffic now passing through the station at South Vernon comes from the town of Northfield. The hearing

was had at South Vernon on July 9th and the petition granted on the 25th.

Northfield Building Burned.

The house in the Northfield center village, occupied by A. L. Case, and the barn attached, were burned at an early hour Sunday morning. A horse and several hens and chickens were burned to death. A portion of the household furniture was saved. Both house and barn were reduced to ashes. Nothing was saved from the barn, which contained a quantity of new hay. A defective chimney may have been the cause of the fire. The loss is said to be \$2,500. A small insurance was carried.

The second annual Old Home Day celebration will be held at Melndoes Wednesday, August 16. The program of the day will include athletic contests from 10:30 to 12 a. m. From 12 to 2 p. m., a basket picnic. From 2 to 3 p. m. speaking and following this a reunion of the Academy Alumni Association for the election of officers and other business. During the evening the academy students will again present the drama, "Old Acre Folk." The athletic prizes will be awarded between the acts, also several readings will be given at that time.

Dana M. Wood, assistant engineer, department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey, was at Morrisville last week, establishing a gauging station to determine the flow of water in the Lamoille river. The plan of work followed by him is the establishment of a standard chain gauge at the highway bridge just below the Morrisville electric light station. This gives very fair tail race readings as well as the total discharge of the river. He has also erected a staff gauge above the crest of the dam to rate the waters.

E. F. Gebhardt, manager of Shelburne Farms, appearing for W. Seward Webb, Jr., paid a fine of \$10 and costs of \$7.29 in Burlington city court Friday morning for operating an automobile without a license. The maximum fine in this case is \$100, but the fine was made light because the evidence showed no crime was intended. Mr. Gebhardt has charge of the licensing of all automobiles at Shelburne Farms, but he had neglected to license this particular machine because he expected that Mr. Webb was to leave the state before the old license expired.

WINDSOR COUNTY COURT ADJOURNS

Windsor county court adjourned August 25, when the case of Joseph Rivers, of Windsor, for kidnapping Daisy Redmond, 15 years old, and taking her to Montreal, is set for trial. During the term so far, 136 cases have been cleared from the docket, 56 have been settled or discontinued, and judgments have been given in 20 cases. There have been 32 divorces granted, the majority for wilful desertion and adultery, and there were three decrees in chancery.

Of state cases, 15 have been nolo-prossed, and in ten the respondents have pleaded guilty. Eight cases have been tried, and in several cases orders have been issued for cases to proceed next term.

To Build New Bridge.

A new bridge is to be built on the Williamstown road, near the Lester Gale place, and it is probable that the road will have to be closed the greater part of the day next Monday, so that automobilists and other users of the road need to govern themselves accordingly. The old bridge is to be swung up the street temporarily and until it can be placed there will be no means of passage. The new bridge will be of iron, with stone abutments. The bridge will have eighteen feet clear and will improve the travelling in that direction very much, since the old bridge had settled considerably.

BIG BRATTLEBORO RESERVOIR.

Work has been begun upon the \$80,000, 600-gallon reservoir which is to be built in Pleasant valley, a mile or more above West Brattleboro, for the Brattleboro Water Works company. Over 100 Italians arrived in Brattleboro Monday to work on the job, and the first of the week was spent in constructing their habitations. It is expected that the contract will keep between 100 and 150 men busy from now until late in the fall. Twenty-five acres will be stripped of the surface soil and a dam 600 feet long and from three to 25 feet in height will be built. The dam will be of concrete with earth on each side and will be laid on a foundation of solid rock. Excavation for the foundation of the dam is now under way.

Death of E. E. Greene.

Edward G. Greene, formerly prominent in Franklin county business and political circles, died July 27 at his home in Palo Alto, Cal. Thirty years ago he was in the plumbing and tinware business in St. Albans. He was a prominent Democrat and represented St. Albans in the House of Representatives in 1878. He was senator from

Franklin county in 1882. Mr. Greene was 75 years old, and was a brother of Hon. Seiden C. Greene. The body will be cremated and the ashes will be brought to St. Albans for burial.

New Armory at St. Johnsbury.

Adj. Gen. W. H. Gilmore was in St. Johnsbury July 28 to confer with the members of Company D, Vermont National Guard, relative to the building a new armory and before he left town a lease was drawn up for the basement and first floor of a new block to be erected at once by J. E. Bertrand on a slightly lot on Railroad street. Mr. Bertrand will build a substantial brick block giving the Vermont militia spacious club rooms in the basement with a hall 60 by 80 feet on the ground floor. The Guardsmen will use the hall for practice for their basketball games.

Minister Nearly 100 Years Old.

With faculties retained to a remarkable degree and physically well preserved, the Rev. Sedgwick W. Bidwell, who has been a preacher of the Gospel for 76 years, is passing his last years at the home of his son at East Middlebury. Although he will be 100 years old Dec. 6, Mr. Bidwell is still in the best of health. Up to a few months ago he had performed his 340th marriage ceremony. He is said to be the oldest living Methodist minister in America, and has preached in 22 different towns in Vermont and New York state.

LETTER FROM VICE PRESIDENT.

Mayor A. W. Norton, of Vergennes, has received the following letter from Vice President James S. Sherman:

Just a line to express my appreciation of your very great courtesy to me upon my recent visit to Vergennes, and to say to you that Mrs. Sherman and I enjoyed every moment of our stay there to the full. I wish further to add that nothing could have given me greater personal pleasure and satisfaction than the demonstration of good feeling manifested by all the people of Vergennes, whom I saw, and the considerate courtesy of the band in turning out to give us the serenade there. Everything connected with our visit there will long be remembered.

PRISONER RECAPTURED

Ernest Kendall, a "trusty" prisoner at the house of correction, who escaped July 21st, while outside of the institution performing his duty as team driver, was captured July 20, in Chittenden, ten miles east of Rutland.

He was brought back to the institution by Deputy Sheriff John F. Smith and Superintendent D. L. Morgan. The capture of the prisoner was made by M. R. Brown, superintendent of the Rutland Marble company, which is run in connection with the house of correction, and G. A. Bucklin, while they were on their way to Chittenden pond for a fishing trip. Mr. Brown saw the fugitive and recognized him and they took him in custody.

Rutland Prisoner Escapes.

Ernest Kendall, of Windsor, a prisoner at the House of Correction, escaped July 28. It is believed that he went either south or east of the city and the officers in various towns have been notified to be on the lookout for him. Kendall is about six feet tall, and has no mustache or whiskers. He wore an old gray coat, khaki overalls and a worn black felt hat. The man was sentenced about four months ago to serve a year for selling mortgaged property. He has driven a team for the House of Correction to and from the Patch sand pit south of the city since last April. Yesterday morning he told his companion, Albert Peno, also a prisoner, that he wanted to go to another part of the field and leaving his horse he went and did not return.

Normal School Catalogue.

The State Board of Education, of which Gov. G. H. Prouty, Mason S. Stone, W. E. Howard, O. D. Mathewson and H. J. Stannard, are members, has just issued the catalogue of the Vermont State Normal Schools at Castleton, Johnson and Randolph. The booklet is excellent, fully gotten together, contains several clear cuts of the three schools and their surroundings and has much reading matter of interest. Of special practical interest to young women is the course in domestic science, already begun at one of the normal schools, a departure from the usual school curriculum that is thoroughly up-to-date and absolutely necessary to the rounding out of the complete education of today. The new course includes a study of practical cookery, foods and their values, the planning and service of breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, the care of the house, etc.

State Veterinary Meeting.

The second meeting of the Vermont Veterinary Medical association was held July 27 at the Berwick Hotel, Rutland. There were representatives present from Bellows Falls, Burlington, Middlebury, St. Albans, Barre and Rutland. Dr. Robert Weir, Dr. George H. Farnsworth, of Rutland, and Dr. A.

C. Brodeur, of Bellows Falls, were admitted to membership. A paper was read by Dr. J. C. Parker, of St. Albans, on "The Veterinary as He Is and as He Should Be." Dr. C. E. Barr, of Barre, read a paper on the business side of veterinary practice, and Dr. F. C. Wilkinson read a paper on parasites. Each paper was followed by a discussion. It was voted to hold the next meeting at White River Junction in January. The officers present yesterday were President Dr. F. C. Wilkinson, of Bellows Falls, and Treasurer Dr. F. W. Chamberlain, of Burlington.

Death of Dr. A. S. Houghton.

Dr. Alfred Swift Houghton died at St. Albans late Thursday afternoon of Bright's disease and complications after a brief illness. Alfred Swift Houghton was the son of George Frederick Houghton and Catherine Sedgwick Swift and was born in St. Albans January 21, 1855. He was educated at the Barre Academy where he graduated in 1875 and entered Dartmouth College in the class of 1879; he left there in his sophomore year and entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, graduating in 1880. He had been connected with the civil service commission of New York for the past 15 years. About two years ago he purchased a home in St. Albans and he passed all the time he could away from his duties in New York. Dr. Houghton was a man of brilliant attainments, a student and a forceful writer and was the author of several well known works.

BETTER RAILROAD SERVICE.

The grievances of the West River Valley Lumberman's association against the Central Vermont railroad which were scheduled to be heard before the State amicably settled Thursday night after an all day's conference between the officials of the West River lumbermen.

The lumbermen protested against the manner in which the railroad did their business along their West River Valley branch and also objected to the condition of the road and the facilities for transportation. The railroad agreed to keep the stations on the road open longer hours to supply sufficient cars to take care of the freight and passenger traffic, to reduce the freight rate to a minimum of 30,000 as heretofore, to reduce the minimum weight on bark and chair stock to an equality with the reduced lumber rate and they fixed a much lower rate on cordwood. The most important concession was the billing through of all goods sent by freight. The officials also agreed to repair the ties, tracks, fish-plates, bridges and connecting equipment and to refit all portions of the line.

Young Boy Sues For Damages.

George E. Marshall, of Poultny, aged 13 years, has brought suit in Rutland county court through Geo. E. M. Bixby, of Poultny, a grain merchant, asking \$5,000 damages on the ground that he was injured by falling into a hole in the floor of the mill on January 27, last, when he went there to purchase some grain. It is alleged in the declaration that the hole in the mill floor, in which a grinding machine is located, is about two feet square, was not properly guarded at the time; that the plaintiff was blinded by chaff, "negligently caused to be scattered and thrown by the defendant from the grinding machine" and that because of this blinding young Marshall did not notice the hole and fell into it. The declaration goes on to say that the boy was caught in the machinery, which was in motion, and was seriously cut and bruised, his left foot being so badly crushed that it is permanently crippled.

No "Jim Crow" Cars.

Elias Lyman, president of the Burlington Traction Company, has written the following letter: "Editor Daily News:—Will you kindly allow me to thank you for the position you have taken in connection with the Tenth Cavalry, now at Fort Ethan Allen. Agitation against the colored troops has been entirely the result of the efforts of certain newspapers to get up a sensation. This sensational journalism is doing a great injury to the people of our state and city. The articles in question are commented upon with great joy by the southern newspapers as justifying the stand taken by the people in that section towards the colored troops. I am moved to write this word to you because it is stated in some of the papers that the street railroad company here is contemplating putting into service the so-called 'Jim Crow' cars. This statement is entirely untrue. In fact, not one person has come to our company and asked for such cars. Such action has never even been suggested to us.

"I trust this letter may be given wide publicity, especially in our own state in order to put our townspeople right before the public at large. We are expecting no trouble with the members of the famous Tenth as

this regiment has come to us with a reputation for bravery and gentlemanly conduct that they are evidently anxious to preserve.

Grange Lecture Course.

Hon. Mason S. Stone is lecturer of the State Grange and in his official capacity has arranged a list of speakers, all Vermont men, who are available for a Grange Lecture course, if there are subordinate granges which desire to arrange for a course or a single entertainment, during the coming winter. The list is as follows: Editor W. C. Belknap, of Bellows Falls, subject, "The Open Mind"; Hon. Walter J. Bigelow, of Burlington, "An Awakened Vermont, Editor Walter H. Crockett, of Montpelier, "The Summer Tourist Crop"; Rev. J. K. Fuller, of Lyndonville, "Farming, a Profession"; Hon. A. F. Hawes, of Burlington, Vermont, "Forest Resources"; Editor Howard L. Hindley, of Rutland, Vermont, "Her Needs and Possibilities"; Dr. H. D. Holton, of Brattleboro, "Hygiene and Public Health"; Editor D. H. Lamberton, of Burlington, "The Broadening of Rural Life"; Prof. G. H. Perkins, of Burlington, "Vermont's Mineral Resources"; Editor Arthur F. Stone, of St. Johnsbury, "The Great South-West"; Rev. Wilmond A. Warner, of Barton, "Locks and Keys."

AUTOMOBILE WENT OVER BANK.

An automobile accident occurred last evening between Brattleboro and Vernon in which five people miraculously escaped death or serious injury shortly after six o'clock near the Hunt farm about three and a half miles on the road between Vernon and Brattleboro. This road was but recently constructed by the Connecticut River Power company. The members of the party were W. T. Moran of Titusville, Pa., C. Williamson of Nashville, Tenn., Charles Ault of Chicago, Master L. T. Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., A. J. Sweet of Auburn, Me. They left Boston Wednesday en route for Vermont where they were to make a tour of the Green and White Mountains, ending their trip at Auburn, Me.

Mr. Sweet, the owner of the car, was driving and was bowling along the new road at a speed of between 12 and 14 miles an hour when without warning the car and its occupants were precipitated over a 39-foot embankment. The machine turned turtle and rolled over and over, finally landing under a culvert in the road. The occupants clung to the car and although the automobile was totally destroyed they received nothing but sprains and minor bruises. Their plight was discovered by a passing farmer and he brought them to Brattleboro in a hay rack. Dr. George R. Anderson was summoned and dressed the wounds of the party.

MEETING OF POSTMASTERS.

The third annual meeting of the Vermont State League of Postmasters of Fourth-class Offices was held at Hale's tavern, Wells River, Thursday, July 22. The attendance was larger than at any previous meeting and the interest was keen. The special feature of the convention was the presence of National President A. K. Hoag, who spoke for nearly two hours on the objects to be gained by the league and of the brilliant accomplishments already secured in the interest of postmasters of the fourth class. Chief among these is the department order, putting appointments under civil service rules and out of the hands of politicians. Other minor reforms were noted and much incidental and most interesting information was given by Pres. Hoag, who is an eloquent and convincing speaker. He was accompanied by State President Cummings of New York state, who also addressed the meeting and extended a warm invitation to Vermont postmasters to attend the national convention in Syracuse in October. Mr. Cummings is an enthusiastic young postmaster who is likewise a good speaker. After partaking of a good dinner, the convention reassembled and proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Upon nomination of Postmaster Sherry of Groton, A. T. Davis of Marshfield was elected president, Melvin J. Holt of South Woodstock vice-president, Marion J. Hall secretary and treasurer, also an executive committee composed of the foregoing officers together with Postmaster Quimby of Wilder and Postmaster Chase of Rochester. After several informal but enthusiastic speeches by various postmasters in attendance regarding the betterment of the service and the benefit of organization, the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of President Davis.

Labor Day Celebration.

The Central Labor Union has appointed delegates for the arrangement of plans for observing Labor Day in September. It has not yet been decided where the picnic will be held but the chances are good for Intercity Park which is convenient to Montpelier and Barre and affords the better opportunity for ball games.

Many ills come from impure blood. Can't have pure blood with faulty digestion, lazy liver and sluggish bowels. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens stomach, bowels and liver, and purifies the blood.